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APPOINTMENT OF ADMIRAL RABORN AND RICHARD HELMS TO THE CIA.

(Mr. ALBERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, last Sunday President Johnson announced the appointment of Adm. William Francis Raborn as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and Mr. Richard M. Helms as Deputy Director.

In my judgment the President could not have made two finer choices for these very important posts.

I have known Admiral Raborn for many years. Although he was born in Texas, he grew up in Marlow, Okla. Former U.S. Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, appointed him to the Naval Academy. He is well known to many Oklahomans, and they all share my great admiration for this fine gentleman, this man of dedication and of extraordinary abilities.

All Americans are indebted to Admiral Raborn for the job he did as head of the Navy's Special Projects Office some years ago. There is no question but that the timely development of the Polaris missile was due in large measure to Admiral Raborn's great managerial skills and unique abilities to lead by motivating people of all types to work together as a team. I am sure he will bring these same talents to the Central Intelligence Agency and that all Americans may be confident this Agency is working effectively, as a single unit, under the direction of a man utterly dedicated to our country.

The selection of Mr. Richard Helms as the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is equally commendable. Mr. Helms has had long and impressive experience with the Agency. He has the respect of his colleagues, not only for his expertise but, more important, for his judgment and abilities under pressure.

I congratulate Admiral Raborn and Mr. Helms. I am sure they will fill the grave responsibilities of their new positions with great distinction and high honor.